



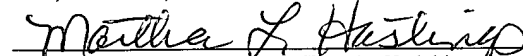
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2011, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.